

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 2143

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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In response to the Final Office Action dated May 3, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from August 3, 2006 to October 3, 2006.